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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 1/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,6-10,13,15-18,21,23-34,37 and 39-70.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other

**BUNJOB JAROENCHONWANIT
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John O'Banion on 5/5/05.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

4. -- 1. A method for coordinating multipoint group members in a multicast network environment, comprising:

transmitting control directives between group members across a shared end-to-end multicast tree;

aggregating the forwarding of said control directives;

wherein multiple requests for the same information from different nodes in the tree are assembled in a hop node in the tree, and are forwarded combined;

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

10. A method for coordinating multipoint group members in a multicast network environment, comprising:

transmitting control directives between group members across a shared end-to-end multicast tree;

wherein if a target node is in the subtree of a node, the control directive is routed downward the subtree branch where the target resides;

wherein if a target node is not in the subtree of a node, the control directive is sent upward to its parent node; and

aggregating the forwarding of said control directives;

wherein multiple requests for the same information from different nodes in the tree are assembled in a hop node in the tree, and are forwarded combined;

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

18. A method for coordinating multipoint group members in a multicast network environment, comprising;

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transmitting control directives between group members across a shared end-to-end multicast tree;

assigning recursively and top-down unique prefix labels to each node joining the tree;

wherein a child node label contains as prefix the label of its parent;

aggregating the forwarding of said control directives;

wherein multiple requests for the same information from different nodes in the tree are assemble-d in a hop node in the tree, and are forwarded combined;

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

30. A method as recited in claim 28, wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

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34. A method for coordinating multipoint group members in a multicast network environment, comprising:

transmitting control directives between group members across a shared end-to-end multicast tree;

wherein said tree corresponds to a single shared acknowledgment tree for concurrent multicasting;

aggregating the forwarding of said control directives;

wherein multiple requests for the same information from different nodes in the tree are assembled in a hop node in the tree, and are forwarded combined;

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

46. A method as recited in claim 44:

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

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wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

54. A method as recited in claim 52:

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

61. A method as recited in claim 59:

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes.

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68. A method as recited in claim 66:

wherein if said hop node receives the same control directives from different nodes, said hop node aggregates them into one control directive, and checks if a response to said control directives can be satisfied locally by said hop node by polling its own state and the state of neighboring nodes; and

wherein if a response to said control directives cannot be satisfied locally by said hop node said aggregated control directive is self-routed up or down in the tree toward the target nodes. --

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit whose telephone number is (571) 272-3913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner

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